



**Chairperson Vice-Chair**

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## **DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, November 20, 2008**

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, November 20, 2008, 2:00 p.m. at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Jim Holley  
Ronald L. Griffin  
Mohamed Okdie  
Erminia Ramirez  
Willie Hampton

##### **Department Personnel Present**

Chief James Barren  
AC Ronald Fleming  
DC Claudia Barden-Jackson  
DC John Clark  
DC Leo Clark  
Lt. John Fitzgerald  
Lt. Brian Davis  
Lt. Brian Mousey  
Sgt. Robert Jackson  
Sgt. Debbie Johnson  
Sgt. Cunningham  
Sgt. Hilton Kincaid  
Sgt. Mike Martell  
PO Sophia Nelms  
PO Dwight Featherstone

**Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director  
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.  
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator  
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director **(ABS)**  
Lt. Daniel Allen  
Leslie Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator **(ABS)**  
PO Kent Cooper

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ron Scott	Mary Lacy
Edward Moore	Christy Davis
Phyllis Hernandez	Duane Kimey
Tijuanna Morris	Tom Stidham
Isaiah Hayes	Delphine Kimble
David Bedford	Julie Semma

**RECORDERS**

PO Terence Bell  
Robert Brown

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairperson Holley** called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 2:14 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- **Thursday, November 20, 2008**

**MOTION:** **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, November 6, 2008**

**MOTION:** Comm. Okdie made the motion to approve the Minutes.

**SECOND:** Comm. Ramirez seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

- **Thursday, November 13, 2008**

**MOTION:** Comm. Okdie made the motion to approve the Minutes.

**SECOND:** Comm. Ramirez seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

### 4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

#### **1. CHAIRPERSON**

#### **2. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

#### **OFFICE CLOSING**

The Board of Police Commissioners' Office and the Office of the Chief Investigator will be **CLOSED** on the following date:

- Thursday, November 27, 2008, and Friday, November 28, 2008 in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday.

### CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,282** active investigations, of which **1,132** of those are for 2008.

### TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 11/20/08	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
1	CENTRAL				1						1
2	COMMUNICATIONS		2							1	3
4	EASTERN		2				1			1	4
2	GAMING		1								1
3	NORTHEASTERN	1	2	1		1	1			1	7
5	NORTHWESTERN		2	2			3				7
1	SOUTHWESTERN						1			1	2
16	Unknown Command	2	9	4	1	1	7	1		1	26
6	WESTERN	1	3	1			3				8
40		4	21	8	2	2	16	1		5	59

## 5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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# *Detroit Police Department*

## *Report to the Board of Police Commissioners*



### *“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”*

*The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.*

### **SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

#### **Central District**

On November 10th, officers of the Central District conducted a warrant sweep in the area of Michigan and Trumbull, which resulted in a subject being arrested on a warrant for “Receiving & Concealing Stolen Property.”



#### **Special Points of Interest:**

##### **• Next meeting:**

Wednesday, November 25, 2008

@ 3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Department  
1300 Beaubien, Suite 328A  
Detroit, Michigan 48226**

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### **Engaging the Community**

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Northwestern District	2	1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
		2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
Northeastern District	2	7737 Kercheval	2 p.m. to 10 p.m.	628-2121
		19810 Grand River	*10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	870-0649
Eastern District	2	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
		12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555
		20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
Southwestern District	2	13206 E. Jefferson	*2 p.m. to 10 p.m.	821-5851
		22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	*2 p.m. to 10 p.m.	343-7506
		14700 Mack	*2 p.m. to 10 p.m.	852-4046

\* Mini-Stations

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## *Police / Community Intervention*

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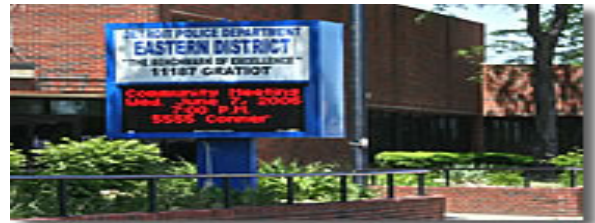
### Northwestern District

On November 12th, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 13000 block of Rosemont regarding a "Breaking & Entering." Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Home Invasion."



### Northeastern District

On November 15th, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 7000 block of Harper on a "Person with a Weapon." As a result of the officers investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Assault with Intent to Murder," "Felon in Possession," "Felonious Assault," "Carrying a Concealed Weapon-Motor Vehicle," "Motor Vehicle Advisory," and "Habitual 3rd."



### Eastern District

On November 14th, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 18000 block of Albion on a "Person with a Weapon/Robbery." Subsequent to their investigation, officers arrested the subject, who was later charged with "Assault with Intent to Rob While Armed," "Home Invasion," "Felonious Assault," "Discharge of a Firearm in a Building," "Felon in Possession," "Felony Firearm 2nd," and "Habitual 4th."

### Southwestern District

On November 11th, officers of the Southwestern District received information on subjects wanted in a previous carjacking that occurred in the area of Wendell and W. Vernor. The officers located and arrested the subject, who was subsequently charged with "Robbery Armed."

**Comm. Ramirez** thanked the Chief for allowing AC Fleming to attend the Board Retreat. It was a great retreat with a lot of information being shared. The Board attorney will be putting together a follow-up on the action items such as police towing, shooting, suspension without pay, and trial boards was discussed.

**Chairperson Holley** asked the Chief if the Board can get a summary of the homicides for the current year so they can have answers for the community.

**Chief Barren** stated he will provide the Board with that information.

## **6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Comm. Okdie** stated there is a personnel matter that the Personnel Sub-Committee needs to discuss in an attorney-client closed session.

**Chairperson Holley** stated the Board will hear oral communication before going into a closed session.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** Ella M. Bully-Cummings was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on July 18, 1977 at the age of 19. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, she began her career as a Police Officer at the 11<sup>th</sup> Precinct and began working patrols. Other assignments as a Police Officer included the 14<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Patrol Operations, Patrol Support Division and the Chief's Staff Division; and

**WHEREAS** Officer Bully-Cummings was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on October 9, 1987. As a supervisor, her roles included a myriad of assignments in Patrol, Community Policing, Media Relations and Administrative and Investigative Operations. Sergeant Bully-Cummings proved to be a leader early in her career and while still a Supervisor, she served as the Commanding Officer of the Precinct's Investigative Operations Unit and the Crime Prevention Unit; which at one time served as the model for law enforcement agencies organizing crime prevention and community relations programs; and

**WHEREAS** Sergeant Bully-Cummings was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on September 2, 1993 and served in that role until October 3, 1995 where she was promoted to the Executive rank of Inspector. In this role she diligently headed both Department's Public Information and Crime Prevention sections. Believing in education, she successfully earned her

Law degree from the Detroit College of Law. Under her leadership, the Detroit Police Department progressed professionally and created many new programs such as; Senior Appreciation Day, Merrill Plaisance Halloween Task Force, Volunteer Command Post, Chief's Crime Prevention Advisory Council, Chief's Youth and Senior Advisory Council and the D.A.R.E. Golf Outing Fundraiser; and

**WHEREAS** Lieutenant Bully-Cummings was promoted to the rank of Commander on July 17, 1998 where she retired from the department. She returned to the department on May 13, 2002 as Assistant Chief of Police. In these highly visible and demanding roles, she fearlessly and devotedly worked to lead the entire department, create sustainable partnerships and reduce crime; and

**WHEREAS** On November 3, 2003 she was promoted to the rank of Chief of Police by former Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick. This executive and historical appointment made her the first female Police Chief for the Detroit Police Department in its 138-year history. She continued in this role until her retirement on September 19, 2008 with over 30 years of dedicated service. Chief Bully-Cummings received numerous service awards in her career. Despite many social and economic challenges, including lack of human capital and financial constraints, Chief Bully-Cummings, with the support of the men and women of the Department continued to reduce crime, fear and disorder within the city of Detroit. Also during her tenure as Chief, the Department developed 33 new policy and training directives and required members to attend an annual 40-hour block on in-service training comprised of consent judgment issues and customer service instruction; and

**WHEREAS** Chief Bully-Cummings was devoted to the community, seniors and youth. She could be seen at neighborhood community meetings and events, walking beats, visiting citizens, participating in Anti-Crime Walks, Motor City Makeovers, National Night Outs, historical events within the city of Detroit, Angel's Nights, various Next Detroit Neighborhood Initiatives and countless other programs. She was unwavering in her visions against crime and her knowledge of the department spanned numerous operations. She consistently rallied executives and government officials to receive the finances needed to run an efficient police force. This devotion was transcended throughout the community as she knew many citizens and children on a first-name basis. She was always eager to honor the men and women of the Department, as well as citizens for their service and courage and made it her life's work to implore everyone to help keep their community's safe. Her remarkable stand and public presence has indelibly reached the entire city of Detroit.



**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissions, speaking on behalf of the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department awards this resolution in recognition of Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings' 30-plus years of unmatched and unparalleled service. Her devotion and commitment to the community and leading the Detroit Police Department to new heights merits our highest regards and best wishes for continued success.

We salute and congratulate you, Chief of Police Ella M. Bully-Cummings

/s/ Jim Holley  
Chairperson

/s/Rev. Ronald L. Griffin  
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie  
Commissioner

/s/ Erminia Ramirez  
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
November 20, 2008**

/s/ Willie Hampton  
Commissioner

**MOTION:** **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Resolution.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**Chairperson Holley** stated because the Ms. Cummings was the first African-American female Chief of Police in the history of the Detroit Police Department, there needs to be something done to commemorate her.

**Comm. Ramirez** stated she agrees.

**Comm. Griffin** stated he also agrees, and stated that he doesn't want to be a part of anyone or anything that wants to be a historical revisionist.

**Comm. Hampton** stated he concurs.

**Comm. Okdie** stated there should be some discussion about it.

**Chairperson Holley** asked Chief Barren what number is he among the Chiefs of Police for the Detroit Police Department.

**Chief Barren** stated he is number 38.

**Chairperson Holley** asked is there a picture of all former Police Chiefs.

**Chief Barren** stated he believes there is a book coming out.

**Chairperson Holley** stated he would like to see a "Wall of Fame" for all of the Chiefs of Police, as well as for the Board.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

### 1. RESOLUTIONS

**Gary McElroy**

**MOTION:** **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Resolution.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**Inv. Dale Collins**

**MOTION:** **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Resolution.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**Comm. Ramirez** asked if she can get some clarification about story that was aired on Fox 2 regarding a towing contractor.

**DC Clark** stated his office is preparing a report to the Board detailing all the events and circumstances leading up to the lease of 2121 W. Fort Street. The lease is a five-year lease with two five-year options. The total cost of the lease over five years will be \$4.2 millions. That facility is used to store forfeiture cars. The lease was approved by the law department as well as City Council.

**Chairperson Holley** stated he missed the aired report and wanted to know what the problem with the lease was.

**Comm. Ramirez** stated they wanted to know why the lower bid wasn't picked.

**DC Clark** stated part of the story was that he is a friend of Gasper Fiore, which he doesn't deny.

**Chairperson Holley** stated that City Council and Budget approved it. He stated that it seems like what she is saying is that this isn't about you.

**DC Clark** stated the question was asked and he wanted the opportunity to answer it.

**Comm. Ramirez** stated DC Clark will provide this Board with an explanation, because towing is a very sensitive issue to the Board. She also asked DC Clark if he told Scott Lewis that the Board is currently working on this issue.

**DC Clark** stated he sat with Scott Lewis for 45 minutes on Friday and explained all of this to him. He stated he has a written report from Jones Lang LaSalle stating the selected rates were competitive with current market rates.

**Chairperson Holley** asked if the City looked to see if they would break even on a deal such as this.

**DC Clark** stated this Board has always informed the Department that their first obligation is to enforce the law. This move was made for the City to have their own actions, and keep all of the revenues to help offset operations such as this.

**Comm. Ramirez** stated this Board looks forward to the Deputy Chief's report.

## **9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

**Chairperson Holley** stated on Thanksgiving Day at Considine Little Rock Life Center they will be having a full course white linen dinner for all the homeless and especially those that are in the Central District, but all are welcomed.

**Comm. Ramirez** stated she is pleased to have the shooting range opened at the Southwestern District.

She also mentioned that during roll call at the Districts they will mention that all of the patrol cars that are in service should keep their mic's and cameras on.

**Chief Barren** stated that it was mentioned at roll call that the officer needs to keep their mic's and camera on when exiting the vehicle.

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Police Headquarters  
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A  
Detroit, MI 48226

**10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**Chairperson Holley** stated if anyone wanted to speak they can do it now or wait until after the closed door session to give oral communications.

**Comm. Okdie** stated that retired DC Ron Haddad is the new Chief of Police for the City of Dearborn.

**T. Stidham** asked the Board if they would make a recommendation to extend the month to month contract of the existing authorized towers for at least a year or two.

**D. Bedford** stated he wanted to appeal his rejected applicant status.

**Comm. Ramirez** stated this Board handles that and the Board attorney would give him that information.

**Chairperson Holley** stated a request having been made by the Personnel Subcommittee, I move that the Board of Police Commissioners conduct an attorney-client closed session, pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) of the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of considering communications subject to the attorney client privilege.

**MOTION:** **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to enter into a closed session.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**Chairperson Holley** stated the motion having been approved by a majority of the Board members, a closed session will now be convened.

**They went into closed session at 2:45pm**

**They returned from closed session at 4:54pm**

**MOTION:** **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to return from closed session.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**T. Morris** stated that she has been to court with several citizens, only to learn that the officers weren't showing up for court.

**Chairperson Holley** asked if she could put that in writing and submit a copy to the Board office.

**R. Scott** stated a member of the community was present and had to leave. But AC Fleming was able to address some of his concerns.

He stated that he did speak to the Chief to see if there will be some follow-up to the meetings that were held earlier this summer.

**P. Hernandez** read a report stating that Gasper Fiore has been given an advantage by allowing all of his companies to be a part of the towing rotation throughout the city. She requested that the Board insist that he combine all of his companies into one for purpose of the towing rotation.

**Chairperson Holley** asked if the Board can get a copy of that report.

**P. Hernandez** stated yes.

**Comm. Ramirez** stated that the Board attorney can speak to where this Board is in regards to the towing issue.

**Atty. Washington** stated by the beginning of the year there will be a resolution to begin forming a task force.

**Chairperson Holley** stated isn't something being done so that all towers will have an opportunity to become authorized towers.

**Atty. Washington** stated yes.

**Chairperson Holley** stated so towers like Casino will have some input into this process.

**Atty. Washington** stated that's correct.

**P. Hernandez** stated is it her understanding that the first of the year is when a new RFP will be drafted.

**Atty. Washington** stated no as to the RFP, but this Board has undertaken the task of looking at those concerns that Ms. Hernandez raised.

**Chairperson Holley** stated to Ms. Hernandez to speak to Atty. Washington after the meeting.

**Comm. Griffin** asked Atty. Washington if she can give the Board a report in a week with specific dates, regarding the RFP and address the issues of the Auditor General Report.

**Chairperson Holley** suggested that it be the week after Thanksgiving because of the short week.

**Atty. Washington** stated it will mention the task force timeframe and those who would be involved.

**Chairperson Holley** stated the towing situation did not happen overnight and the solution will not happen overnight.

**Comm. Griffin** asked Mr. Scott and AC Fleming if they can provide him with the dates of the meetings regarding shootings. He stated for the record the he and the Chairperson will meet with Mr. Scott and Ms. Hines regarding this matter.

**J. Semma** stated his company has been denied the opportunity to be added to other Districts, but several teletypes show that Gasper Fiore companies have been given that opportunity.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/rb**